

REMARKS

By the *Office Action* of 04 June 2007, Claims 1-2, 4-61, and 73 are pending in the Application, with Claims 3, 62-72, and 74 previously canceled. Claims 1-2 and 4-17 are objected to, but noted as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base Claim and any intervening Claims; and Claims 18-61 and 73 are rejected. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the objection to Claims 1-2 and 4-17. Applicant also thanks the Examiner with appreciation for the careful and prompt examination.

By the present *Response and Amendment*, Claims 1 and 19 are currently amended, Claims 2 and 4-17 remain in their original format, and Claims 3, 18, and 20-74 are canceled.

No new matter is believed introduced by the present *Response*. It is respectfully submitted that the present Application is in condition for allowance for the following reasons:

1. Pending Claims

By the present *Response and Amendment*, Claims 1-2, 4-17, and 19 are pending. The Examiner objected to Claims 1-2 and 4-17, stating they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base Claim as well as the intervening Claims.

Even though the Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejections to Claims 18-61 and 73, to advance this case to allowance, Claims 1-2 and 4-17 have been rewritten in independent form and include all the limitations of the base Claims and all intervening Claims. The remaining Claims are canceled.

Specifically, Claim 1 is amended herein to recite the limitations of previously pending Claim 73, and thus is presented in independent format. In addition, Claims 2 and 4-17 remain in their original format, and ultimately depend from the currently amended independent Claim 1. Also, Claim 19 has been rewritten to depend from the currently amended independent Claim 1.

2. Fees

This *Response and Amendment* is being filed within six months of the *Office Action*, and more specifically within the shortened statutory period of three months, thus no extension of time fee is believed due.

The number of Claims remains less than those paid upon filing, thus no Claim fees are believed due.

Nonetheless, should any fees be due, authorization to charge deposit account No. 20-1507 is hereby expressly given.

CONCLUSION

By the present *Response and Amendment*, Claims 1-2, 4-17, and 19 are pending in the Application for examination purposes. Should the Examiner have any further questions or reservations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned Attorney at 404.885.3340.

Respectfully submitted,

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